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### **1. The Association of Governing Boards holds two sessions during its March 3-6 National Conference on Trusteeship**

The Association of Governing Boards conducted two sessions of interest during its March 3-6 National Conference on Trusteeship. Presidents David Shi of Furman and Michael Crow of Arizona State participated on a panel, "Sustainability in Higher Education," which was moderated by Rich Novak. Presidents Shi and Crow emphasized the educational and transformational aspects of sustainability upon students, staff and institutions. Both presidents explained the activities each has undertaken at their institutions, foremost among several – Furman declaring this academic year the "Year of the Environment" and ASU establishing a School on Sustainability, and both committing their institutions to carbon neutrality by signing onto the Presidents Climate Commitment. The plenary session attracted an audience of close to 400 trustees, presidents, and senior administrators. The session was video recorded and we hope to make it available later this spring.

The AGB conference also included a roundtable discussion on the Presidents Climate Commitment, chaired by Presidents Jerilyn McIntyre of Central Washington University and William Sanborn Pfeiffer of Warren Wilson College.

*-Rich Novak, AGB*

### **2. NAEP Sustainability Institute – April 30 through May 2, 2007 in Tempe, AZ**

NAEP will be holding the "only event to focus of the greening of higher education" at its Sustainability Institute from April 30 – May 2 in Tempe, AZ. Sustainability Institute faculty include George Bandy, James Buizer, Tony Cortese, Kevin Lyons, David Orr and Brian Yeoman. For details, go to: [http://www.naepnet.org/Content/ContentGroups/Events/SustainabilityInst\\_Description.htm](http://www.naepnet.org/Content/ContentGroups/Events/SustainabilityInst_Description.htm).

*-Mary Reilly*

### **3. Tony Cortese Speaks at NAEP's Annual Meeting in San Diego**

Tony Cortese spoke at NAEP's Annual Meeting this past Saturday in San Diego. The title of his presentation was: "Making Sustainability a Goal of Higher Education Practice: the Role of Procurement Officers".

*-Mary Reilly*

### **4. Release of AASHE Digest 2006**

HEASC members may be interested to take a look at AASHE's annual review of sustainability in higher education - AASHE Digest 2006. The Digest is a compilation of news stories and resources from AASHE's weekly Bulletin. It offers a comprehensive review of campus sustainability efforts over the past year, showing an explosion of activity on campuses across the US and Canada. The report includes over 600 stories about higher education institutions leading the way to a sustainable future, and is organized into 8 chapters covering: 1) institutional change, 2) education and outreach, 3) social responsibility, 4) green

building, 5) energy management and renewable energy, 6) food and agriculture, 7) transportation, and 8) waste, water, landscaping, and procurement. The full report is available for download at: <http://www.aashe.org/resources/pdf/AASHEdigest2006.pdf>.

*-Judy Walton, AASHE*

#### **5. GreenBiz Article: Fortune Magazine Names Business World's Green Giants**

GreenBiz.com reported that Fortune Magazine has published its first "green" issue which includes an article on the top 10 companies that go beyond the law to be environmentally sound. This issue also includes stories on DuPont, Patagonia and Arnold Schwarzenegger. See [http://www.greenbiz.com/news/news\\_third.cfm?NewsID=34754](http://www.greenbiz.com/news/news_third.cfm?NewsID=34754) where you can also find the link to the Forbes magazine issue.

*-Mary Reilly*

#### **6. Updates from Deb Rowe**

- ACPA's national conference this weekend has a focus on sustainability with keynote speaker Al Gore.
- HEASC was featured at an MIT sponsored conference in Barcelona held on March 17th for global leaders in sustainability education in higher education. Deb Rowe gave a presentation and published a paper describing HEASC and the national trend in education for sustainability that is being catalyzed by HEASC members. Deb also described the working committees, the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment and HECAP.
- An upcoming edition of University Business magazine will focus on sustainability.
- Both businesses (via the Business Sector Team of the U.S. Partnership) and Higher Ed (via the Disciplinary Associations Network for Sustainability) are calling for the Sustainability 101 streaming video planned by HEASC with the help of NACUBO.
- SCUP's recent sustainability event with ASU and the New York Times had over 4000 subscribers
- AAAS is collaborating with SCUP, the U.S. Partnership and HEASC on furthering the <http://www.playagreaterpart.org> website.

*-Deb Rowe*

#### **7. Update on the American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment**

As of today, the ACUPCC has 152 Signatories! As some of you may know, the entire University of California system signed the commitment through President Dynes. The UC System includes 10 campuses.

The Leadership Circle continues to grow and is now at 95 members. We're expecting another flurry of signing activity as the result of a mailing to over 3,000 college and university presidents that went out last week.

*-Mary Reilly*

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